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All Words

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Session 1: Word List

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

trail

n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

synonym: footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym: snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

crumb

n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something

synonym: fragment, particle, bit

(1) **crumb** of information, (2) bread **crumb**

My dog found a **crumb** on the floor and quickly ate it.

strew

v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

synonym: scatter, sprinkle, disperse

(1) **strew** the room with balloons, (2) **strew** garbage

The wind **strew** the leaves all over the lawn.

handprint

n. a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity

synonym: impression, fingerprint, palm print

(1) child's **handprint**, (2) ink **handprint**

The **handprint** on the wall was a clue for the detectives investigating the crime scene.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym: spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

mystery

n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle

synonym: enigma, puzzle, secret

(1) **mystery** novel, (2) unsolved **mystery**

The **mystery** surrounding the disappearance of the traveler

has yet to be solved by authorities.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

torment

n. unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

synonym : pain, suffering, agony

(1) **torment** of jealousy, (2) economic **torment**

The torturers inflicted great **torment** upon the prisoners.

unspeakable

adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

synonym : unspeakably horrible, indescribable, unutterable

(1) **unspeakable** crime, (2) **unspeakable** pain

The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the **unspeakable** horror of the experience.

trauma

n. an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

synonym : agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

barbaric

adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

synonym : savage, cruel, primitive

(1) **barbaric** treatment, (2) **barbaric** act

The **barbaric** practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.

lone

adj. solitary or single

synonym : solitary, single, alone

(1) a **lone** flight, (2) a **lone** house in the field

The **lone** traveler walked along the deserted road.

homestead

n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual

synonym : farmstead, ranch, plantation

(1) wilderness **homestead**, (2) family **homestead**

My grandparents lived on a remote **homestead** in the mountains.

beloved

adj. loved very much

synonym : adored, cherished, dear

(1) **beloved** author, (2) **beloved** by many people

I am here to save my **beloved**.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym : fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

wrought

adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

synonym : made, produced, created

(1) well- **wrought** steel, (2) tragedy **wrought** by hurricane

He won an award for his photographs of the ruins **wrought**

by the war.

slavery

n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

synonym: bondage, servitude, enslavement

(1) **slavery** labor, (2) institution of **slavery**

The abolition of **slavery** in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

enslave

v. to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action

synonym: coerce, deprive, imprison

(1) **enslave** poor peasants, (2) **enslave** indigenous people

Her beauty **enslaved** me completely.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

in-law

n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

synonym: relative by marriage, family connection, affinal

(1) future **in-law**, (2) meeting **in-laws**

My sister- **in-law** is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.

specter

n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety

synonym : ghost, phantom, apparition

(1) **specter** of death, (2) political **specter**

The **specter** of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.

shun

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

synonym : avoid, evade, steer clear of

(1) **shun** a person, (2) **shun** office politics

He **shunned** going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym : absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

investigate

v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth

synonym: examine, analyze, look into

(1) **investigate** the matter, (2) **investigate** a data leak

The committee **investigated** several apparent inconsistencies.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym: character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym: background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

desire

n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

synonym: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

forbidden

adj. not permitted or allowed by rules or laws

synonym: prohibited, banned, illegal

(1) **forbidden** words, (2) **forbidden** love

Taking photographs inside the museum is **forbidden**.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym: heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer **paradise**.

fugitive

n. a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution

synonym: escapee, runaway, deserter

(1) **fugitive** from justice, (2) **fugitive** methane emissions

The police are searching for the **fugitive** who escaped from prison.

examine

v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

synonym: study, probe, analyze

(1) **examine** the data studiously, (2) **examine** the issue
Initially, we must **examine** all project-related expenses.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

possess

v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.

synonym : keep, maintain, own

(1) **possess** a basic knowledge, (2) **possess** divine powers

He **possesses** a good sense of humor.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

exploration

n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place

synonym : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym : hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym :

decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

destructive

adj. causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage

synonym: destroying, harmful, disastrous

(1) lead to **destructive** behavior, (2) a habit **destructive** to health

It was the most **destructive** storm in decades.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

humanize

v. to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans

synonym: civilize, personalize

(1) **humanize** my pet, (2) **humanize** a room

The charity event aims to **humanize** the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.

slave

n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person

synonym: captive, bondservant, hard worker

(1) a **slave** of drink, (2) a **slave** trader

You should work hard but not be a **slave** to it.

numerous

adj. amounting to a large indefinite number

synonym: many, considerable, countless

(1) **numerous** countries, (2) as **numerous** as the sand
These descriptions are based on a number of **numerous** assumptions.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
synonym: honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

monetary

adj. of or relating to the money in the country

synonym: financial, fiscal, economic

(1) the stance of **monetary** policy, (2) **monetary** rewards

The policy might bring more excellent **monetary** stability to the country.

subtle

adj. not readily apparent or visible

synonym: slight, nuanced, exquisite

(1) **subtle** changes, (2) a **subtle** poison

A famous artist painted the room in a **subtle** pink hue.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

mire

n. a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

synonym : swamp, quagmire, bog

(1) stick in the **mire**, (2) **mire** of debt

The project was bogged down in a **mire** of bureaucracy.

dissociation

n. the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms

synonym : separation, detachment, disconnection

(1) trauma-related **dissociation**, (2) **dissociation** reaction

His **dissociation** from his emotions made him distant and unresponsive.

irreparable

adj. not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy

synonym : irreversible, permanent, unfixable

(1) **irreparable** harm, (2) **irreparable** loss

Unfortunately, the damage to the car was **irreparable**, and it had to be scrapped.

scar

n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed

synonym : blemish, imperfection, blotch

(1) burn **scar**, (2) carry a **scar**

Even after the wound has healed, a **scar** remains.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym: viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

timeline

n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom

synonym: agenda, timetable, chronology

(1) **timeline** of science history, (2) lay out a **timeline**

He imposed a **timeline** on the project.

convey

v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another

synonym: communicate, transfer, deliver

(1) **convey** a complex idea, (2) **convey** goods by truck

An ironic remark often **conveys** an intended meaning obliquely.

ripple

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

delve

v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

synonym : dig, excavate, uncover

(1) **delve** deeper, (2) **delve** into documents

Researchers must **delve** into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

synonym : mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing

The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

expose

v. to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

synonym : disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

conflicting

adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement

synonym : incompatible, inconsistent, contradictory

(1) a lot of **conflicting** information, (2) make **conflicting** allegations

The witness's testimony was **conflicting** with the evidence found at the scene.

viewpoint

n. a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

synonym : outlook, stance, perspective

(1) a scientific **viewpoint**, (2) aesthetic **viewpoint**

We looked at this issue from a different **viewpoint**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym : example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

shifting

adj. constantly changing or moving

synonym : unfirm, shifty, fluctuating

(1) **shifting** balance, (2) continuously **shifting** landscape

Trends in the fashion industry are so **shifting** that it is challenging to keep up with them.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym : coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically **aligned**.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym : stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

prose

n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

synonym : narrative, writing, story

(1) **prose** fiction, (2) rhythmical **prose**

The novel was written in **prose**, with no rhyme or meter.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym : feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important

difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

stream

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

synonym: flow, current, brook

(1) the **stream** of time, (2) an endless **stream** of cars
Jet **streams** are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded
He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

sequence

n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order

synonym: arrangement, succession, series

(1) the **sequence** of the seasons, (2) the DNA **sequence**
We do move forward with those tasks in **sequence** next week.

unspool

v. to unwind or unravel a length of thread, film, tape, or other material from a spool or reel; to reveal or disclose information gradually or in a meandering way

synonym: unwind, unravel, untangle

(1) **unspool** thread, (2) **unspool** a story
The film's credits began to **unspool**, listing everyone who

worked on the project.

subjugate

v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

synonym: conquer, subdue, enslave

(1) **subjugate** the enemy, (2) **subjugate** my ego

The conqueror sought to **subjugate** the defeated country.

recall

v. to remember something

synonym: remember, retrieve, recollect

(1) **recall** the incident, (2) **recall** his name

She vividly **recalls** getting laid off several years ago.

urge

v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

synonym: push for, advise, (noun) impulse

(1) **urge** a total ban, (2) a sexual **urge**

The lobbyist **urged** Congress not to approve the measure.

ponder

v. to think deeply or carefully about something

synonym: think about, consider, reflect on

(1) **ponder** divine matters, (2) **ponder** life's meaning

She sat quietly, **pondering** the difficult decision.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym: affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym : rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond

He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

Session 2: Spelling

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28. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
29. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
30. family ho____ad *n.* a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
31. the stance of mo____ry policy *adj.* of or relating to the money in the country
32. al__n the economic interest of each other *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 22. haunt, 23. novel, 24. identity, 25. destructive, 26. subtle, 27. largely, 28. threaten, 29. refer, 30. homestead, 31. monetary, 32. align

33. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
34. make con_____ng allegations *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
35. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
36. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
37. un_____l a story *v.* to unwind or unravel a length of thread, film, tape, or other material from a spool or reel; to reveal or disclose information gradually or in a meandering way
38. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
39. re___m a coupon *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
40. ex_____e the issue *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
41. de__e into documents *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner

ANSWERS: 33. poisonous, 34. conflicting, 35. responsible, 36. consume, 37. unspool, 38. capture, 39. redeem, 40. examine, 41. delve

42. a warm tr__l
n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
43. be____d by many people
adj. loved very much
44. po_____us plants
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
45. child's ha_____nt
n. a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity
46. u__e a total ban
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
47. vul_____le parts of the body
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
48. burn s__r
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
49. re__r to a map
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
50. di_____sh swelling
v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
51. w__ned me of the plan
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

ANSWERS: 42. trail, 43. beloved, 44. poisonous, 45. handprint, 46. urge, 47. vulnerable, 48. scar, 49. refer, 50. diminish, 51. warn

62. li____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
63. a l__e house in the field *adj.* solitary or single
64. st__w garbage *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
65. s__n office politics *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
66. a l__e flight *adj.* solitary or single
67. ex____e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
68. re____m a government bond *v.* to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
69. future of space exp_____on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
70. sh____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
71. su_____te my ego *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
72. fu____ve methane emissions *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
73. economic to____t *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

ANSWERS: 62. livable, 63. lone, 64. strew, 65. shun, 66. lone, 67. expose, 68. redeem, 69. exploration, 70. shatter, 71. subjugate, 72. fugitive, 73. torment

74. pa____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
75. em____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
76. give his te____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
77. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
78. fo____en words *adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
79. lay out a ti____ne *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
80. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
81. ex____e the data studiously *v.* to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them
82. dif____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
83. ha____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
84. st__w the room with balloons *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

ANSWERS: 74. paradise, 75. embody, 76. testimony, 77. blend, 78. forbidden, 79. timeline, 80. suffer, 81. examine, 82. difficulty, 83. haunted, 84. strew

85. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
86. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
87. meeting in___ws *n.* a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
88. my_____y novel *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
89. dis_____ion reaction *n.* the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms
90. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
91. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
92. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

ANSWERS: 85. novel, 86. vulnerable, 87. in-law, 88. mystery, 89. dissociation, 90. spirit, 91. communal, 92. blind

93. pa_____se for criminals *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
94. an endless st___m of cars *n.* a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.
95. po___r divine matters *v.* to think deeply or carefully about something
96. hu_____ze a room *v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
97. the DNA se_____ce *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
98. de__e deeper *v.* to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
99. sh_____ng balance *adj.* constantly changing or moving
100. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
101. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
102. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
103. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 93. paradise, 94. stream, 95. ponder, 96. humanize, 97. sequence, 98. delve, 99. shifting, 100. haunt, 101. ripple, 102. perspective, 103. diminish

104. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
105. sp____t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
106. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
107. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
108. a sl__e of drink *n.* a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
109. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
110. uns_____le crime *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
111. be____d author *adj.* loved very much
112. a su____e poison *adj.* not readily apparent or visible
113. ri____e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 104. communal, 105. spirit, 106. straightforward, 107. testimony, 108. slave, 109. perspective, 110. unspeakable, 111. beloved, 112. subtle, 113. ripple

114. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
115. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
116. w__n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
117. rhythmical pr__e *n.* a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
118. po_____s a basic knowledge *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
119. officially di_____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
120. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
121. unsolved my_____y *n.* something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
122. po_____s divine powers *v.* to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
123. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 114. crack, 115. consume, 116. warn, 117. prose, 118. possess, 119. dissolve, 120. blind, 121. mystery, 122. possess, 123. threaten

124. fleshly de___e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
125. tragedy wr_____t by hurricane *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
126. stick in the m___e *n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through
127. follow the tr___l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
128. institution of sl_____y *n.* the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
129. ti_____ne of science history *n.* a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
130. the se_____ce of the seasons *n.* a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
131. carry a s___r *n.* a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
132. co___y a complex idea *v.* to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
133. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

ANSWERS: 124. desire, 125. wrought, 126. mire, 127. trail, 128. slavery, 129. timeline, 130. sequence, 131. scar, 132. convey, 133. folk

134. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
135. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
136. inv_____te a data leak *v.* to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
137. lead to des_____ve behavior *adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
138. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
139. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
140. al__n with a historical trend *v.* to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
141. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
142. un_____l thread *v.* to unwind or unravel a length of thread, film, tape, or other material from a spool or reel; to reveal or disclose information gradually or in a meandering way
143. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 134. straightforward, 135. convention, 136. investigate, 137. destructive, 138. folk, 139. persist, 140. align, 141. largely, 142. unspool, 143. crack

144. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
145. cr__b of information *n.* a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
146. a scientific vi_____nt *n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty
147. to_____t of jealousy *n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering
148. trauma-related dis_____ion *n.* the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms
149. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
150. ink ha_____nt *n.* a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity
151. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
152. well-wr_____t steel *adj.* made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering

ANSWERS: 144. highlight, 145. crumb, 146. viewpoint, 147. torment, 148. dissociation, 149. psyche, 150. handprint, 151. convention, 152. wrought

153. a lot of con_____ng information *adj.* incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
154. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
155. s__n a person *v.* to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something
156. re___l the incident *v.* to remember something
157. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
158. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
159. fu_____ve from justice *n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
160. wilderness ho_____ad *n.* a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
161. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
162. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
163. ba_____ic act *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

ANSWERS: 153. conflicting, 154. context, 155. shun, 156. recall, 157. dissolve, 158. psyche, 159. fugitive, 160. homestead, 161. mechanism, 162. mechanism, 163. barbaric

164. political sp____r
n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
165. res_____le action
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
166. for in_____ce
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
167. mistaken id_____ty
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
168. li_____e housing
adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
169. a sexual u__e
v. to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist
170. sp____r of death
n. a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
171. unsatisfied de___e
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
172. sl_____y labor
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work
173. pr__e fiction
n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme

ANSWERS: 164. specter, 165. responsible, 166. instance, 167. identity, 168. livable, 169. urge, 170. specter, 171. desire, 172. slavery, 173. prose

174. en_____e poor peasants *v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
175. uns_____le pain *adj.* too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about
176. irr_____le harm *adj.* not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
177. nu_____us countries *adj.* amounting to a large indefinite number
178. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
179. continuously sh_____ng landscape *adj.* constantly changing or moving
180. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
181. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
182. ba_____ic treatment *adj.* characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society
183. su_____te the enemy *v.* to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority
184. re____l his name *v.* to remember something

ANSWERS: 174. enslave, 175. unspeakable, 176. irreparable, 177. numerous, 178. highlight, 179. shifting, 180. explore, 181. instance, 182. barbaric, 183. subjugate, 184. recall

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.
v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
2. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.
n. a condition or state that causes problems
3. You should work hard but not be a _____ to it.
n. a person who is, either legally or illegally, owned by someone; a person entirely dominated by some influence or a person
4. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.
v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
5. The _____ on the wall was a clue for the detectives investigating the crime scene.
n. a mark or impression made by the hand, often used to identify or verify a person's identity
6. Even after the wound has healed, a _____ remains.
n. a mark that remains on the skin after a wound has healed
7. Trends in the fashion industry are so _____ that it is challenging to keep up with them.
adj. constantly changing or moving

ANSWERS: 1. embody, 2. difficulty, 3. slave, 4. refer, 5. handprint, 6. scar, 7. shifting

8. He won an award for his photographs of the ruins _____ by the war.
adj. made or fashioned carefully or decoratively; (of materials) beaten out or shaped by hammering
9. The committee _____ several apparent inconsistencies.
v. to conduct a systematic or formal inquiry to identify and evaluate the facts of a crime, problem, statement, etc. to establish the truth
10. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
11. She sat quietly, _____ the difficult decision.
v. to think deeply or carefully about something
12. The policy might bring more excellent _____ stability to the country.
adj. of or relating to the money in the country
13. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
14. They met at biennial _____.
n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
15. The abolition of _____ in the United States was a major achievement in the fight for human rights.
n. the practice or system of owning, buying, and selling people as property and forcing them to work

ANSWERS: 8. wrought, 9. investigated, 10. perspective, 11. pondering, 12. monetary, 13. identity, 14. conventions, 15. slavery

16. He tried to _____ himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.
- v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation
17. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.
- adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
18. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.
- adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
19. It was the most _____ storm in decades.
- adj.* causing or able to cause tremendous and irreparable damage
20. The storm left a _____ of destruction behind it.
- n. a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
21. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
22. The film's credits began to _____ listing everyone who worked on the project.
- v. to unwind or unravel a length of thread, film, tape, or other material from a spool or reel; to reveal or disclose information gradually or in a meandering way
23. Both parties are now entirely ideologically _____.
- v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

ANSWERS: 16. redeem, 17. straightforward, 18. responsible, 19. destructive, 20. trail, 21. folk, 22. unspool, 23. aligned

24. My grandparents lived on a remote _____ in the mountains.
n. a house or farm and the surrounding land, typically used as a home and workplace by a family or individual
25. The _____ surrounding the disappearance of the traveler has yet to be solved by authorities.
n. something difficult to understand or explain; a secret or enigmatic quality that adds to the fascination or interest of something; a genre of fiction that involves the solution of a crime or a puzzle
26. The novel was written in _____ with no rhyme or meter.
n. a type of written or spoken language that is not organized in verse or rhyme
27. He called for a careful _____ of the consequences.
n. the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
28. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
29. Unfortunately, the damage to the car was _____ and it had to be scrapped.
adj. not able to be repaired or fixed; beyond repair or remedy
30. An ironic remark often _____ an intended meaning obliquely.
v. to express ideas, feelings, etc. so that it is known or understood by other people; to carry something from one place to another
31. The _____ practice of gladiator fighting was popular in ancient Rome.
adj. characterized by extreme cruelty or brutal violence; resembling the behaviors or practices of a barbarian or uncivilized society

ANSWERS: 24. homestead, 25. mystery, 26. prose, 27. exploration, 28. explore, 29. irreparable, 30. conveys, 31. barbaric

32. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
33. The witness's testimony was _____ with the evidence found at the scene.
adj. incompatible or inconsistent with something else; in disagreement
34. My dog found a _____ on the floor and quickly ate it.
n. a small particle or fragment of food or other substance, often one that has broken off from a larger piece; a very small amount or portion of something
35. My sister-_____ is a pediatrician who works in a children's hospital.
n. a relative by marriage, such as a mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
36. Some species of _____ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
37. He imposed a _____ on the project.
n. a series of events arranged in chronological order and displayed along a line, usually drawn left to right or top to bottom
38. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
39. Low sexual _____ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.
n. a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 32. novel, 33. conflicting, 34. crumb, 35. in-law, 36. poisonous snakes, 37. timeline, 38. warn, 39. desire

40. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
41. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
42. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
43. The police are searching for the _____ who escaped from prison.
- n.* a person who is running away or hiding from the law, often to avoid arrest or prosecution
44. That newspaper _____ a political scandal in a big way.
- v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
45. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
46. Her beauty _____ me completely.
- v.* to make someone a slave; to deprive someone of their freedom of choice or action
47. We looked at this issue from a different _____.
- n.* a way of thinking about a specific subject; a place from which something can be viewed, especially in an area of natural beauty

ANSWERS: 40. dissolved, 41. vulnerable, 42. suffers, 43. fugitive, 44. exposed, 45. consume, 46. enslaved, 47. viewpoint

48. These descriptions are based on a number of _____ assumptions.
adj. amounting to a large indefinite number
49. We do move forward with those tasks in _____ next week.
n. a series of related events, actions, numbers, etc., which have a particular order
50. Researchers must _____ into the intricacies of the human brain to understand mental illness.
v. to dig or excavate deeply; to investigate or research intensively; to rummage or explore in a thorough or careful manner
51. He _____ a good sense of humor.
v. to have or own something or to have as an attribute, knowledge, skill, etc.
52. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
53. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
54. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
55. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 48. numerous, 49. sequence, 50. delve, 51. possesses, 52. haunted, 53. blend, 54. livable, 55. context

56. She vividly _____ getting laid off several years ago.

v. to remember something

57. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.

n. a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

58. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

59. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

60. He _____ going to the party and decided to stay home instead.

v. to avoid deliberately or keep away from someone or something

61. Jet _____ are the common name for air currents that form high in the atmosphere.

n. a small, narrow river; a continuous flow of something, such as liquid, gas, people, vehicles, etc.

62. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

63. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

64. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

ANSWERS: 56. recalls, 57. ripple, 58. shattered, 59. blind, 60. shunned, 61. streams, 62. instances, 63. Communal, 64. haunt

65. Initially, we must _____ all project-related expenses.

- v. to study or consider a person or object attentively and thoroughly to learn something about them

66. The wind _____ the leaves all over the lawn.

- v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

67. His _____ from his emotions made him distant and unresponsive.

- n. the separation of ideas, emotions, or memories from a person's consciousness; a process by which molecules or compounds separate into smaller units or individual atoms

68. A famous artist painted the room in a _____ pink hue.

- adj. not readily apparent or visible

69. As people get old, their energies may _____.

- v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

70. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

- n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

71. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

- v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

72. The survivors of the plane crash could only describe the _____ horror of the experience.

- adj. too terrible, shocking, or distressing to speak about

ANSWERS: 65. examine, 66. strew, 67. dissociation, 68. subtle, 69. diminish, 70. testimony, 71. highlighted, 72. unspeakable

73. The charity event aims to _____ the homeless rather than treat them as mere statistics.
- v.* to make something or someone more humane or compassionate; to make something more relatable or understandable to humans
74. Many civilians have suffered _____ as a result of the war.
- n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
75. Taking photographs inside the museum is _____.
- adj.* not permitted or allowed by rules or laws
76. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
- n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
77. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
78. I am here to save my _____.
- adj.* loved very much
79. The _____ of unemployment loomed over the young graduates as they exited the university.
- n.* a ghostly or haunting image or apparition; a threatening or ominous presence that causes fear or anxiety
80. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

ANSWERS: 73. humanize, 74. trauma, 75. forbidden, 76. spirit, 77. threatening, 78. beloved, 79. specter, 80. capture

81. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.

- v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

82. He became _____ that he was being followed.

- adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

83. The lobbyist _____ Congress not to approve the measure.

- v.* to spur on or encourage someone, especially by cheers and shouts; (noun) a strong desire or impulse, especially one that is difficult to control or resist

84. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.

- n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

85. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.

- n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

86. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.

- n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit

87. The torturers inflicted great _____ upon the prisoners.

- n.* unbearable physical pain or extreme mental distress; (verb) to cause severe physical or mental suffering to someone, or to be the victim of such suffering

88. The project was bogged down in a _____ of bureaucracy.

- n.* a wet, muddy ground or area that is difficult to walk or move through

ANSWERS: 81. persist, 82. conscious, 83. urged, 84. paradise, 85. mechanisms, 86. psyche, 87. torment, 88. mire

89. Nevada is _____ a desert state.

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

90. The _____ traveler walked along the deserted road.

adj. solitary or single

91. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

92. The conqueror sought to _____ the defeated country.

v. to bring under control; to conquer; to make subservient to one's authority

ANSWERS: 89. largely, 90. lone, 91. crack, 92. subjugate